# Matt Claman—House District 21 Representative—Alaska Democratic Party Primary Candidate (D)

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**Age:** 59

Place of Birth: Massachusetts

Spouse's Name: Lisa Rieger

Children's Name(s): Maia, Benjamin

Occupation: Attorney, Legislator, Wilderness Guide, Emergency Medical Technician

Length of Residency in Alaska: 30

## **Alaskan Communities Lived in:**

Anchorage (1990-present) Juneau (1988-1989)

#### **Education:**

University of Texas School of Law (JD 1987) Colorado College (BA 1981) National Outdoor Leadership School (1979)

#### **Political and Government Positions:**

State Representative (2014-present)
Acting Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage (2009)
Assembly Member, Municipality of Anchorage (2007-2010), Chair (2008)
Board of Governors, Alaska Bar Association (2002-2008), President (2007-2008)
Heritage Land Bank Advisory Commission (2005-2007), Chair (2006-2007)

#### **Business and Professional Positions:**

General Counsel, A-1 Timber Consultants (2018-present) Attorney, Lane Powell (2007-2017) Owner, Claman Law Firm (1992-1993; 1996-2006) Law Clerk, Federal Judge Harry Lee Hudspeth (1987-1988)

Service Organization(s) Membership: Served on six religious and non-profit Boards.

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**Special Interests:** Family, boating, bicycling, skiing, hiking, cooking, playing trumpet, woodworking, and photography.

#### Other:

Came to Alaska at 21 to work in a mining camp.

Construction worker, cook, telephone systems analyst, textile mill worker, mail clerk, and camp counselor.

#### **Position Statement:**

Alaskans want government that works with our families and businesses to make sure Alaska is a great State to live, work, and raise a family. In my experience as State Representative, Acting Mayor, Assembly Member, community volunteer, husband, father, and son, I've learned that we're at our best working together for better government. We need to continue working together for a responsible action plan for Alaska and to improve public safety.

Visiting with friends and neighbors, going door to door, I hear again and again that Alaskans want an end to partisan politics and want their elected representatives to put Alaska first. The people of West Anchorage want a trustworthy representative who shares their values and listens to their concerns.

Thomas Jefferson said it best: "Government is best which governs least." As your elected representative, I look to the Alaska Constitution because it reflects the values we share: the right to equal opportunity, the right to privacy, the right to public education, the right to be treated fairly, the right to impartial courts, and the right to be secure in our homes and ourselves.

My priorities include:

- Public Safety: Government's First Priority
- Fiscal Responsibility: Living within Our Means
- Quality Education: Our Best Investment

As your legislator, remembering Abraham Lincoln, I pledge to make sure our government is "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Working together, Alaska's best days are ahead!

I would be honored to have your vote.

